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SUBJECT:BOARD MEMBERSHIP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE DRY AREAS (ICARDA)

1. THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH (CGIAR) HAS AGREED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ICARDA
WHICH WILL HAVE ITS HEADQUARTERS IN LEBANON WITH AN
ASSOCIATED FACILITY IN SYRIA. SOMEWHAT LATER AN ASSOCIATE
CENTER IS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED TO REPRESENT THE HIGH
COLD PLATEAU AREA OF THE REGION. THIS CENTER WILL HAVE
INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BARLEY (PERHAPS LATER FOR
DURUM WHEAT), BROAD BEANS AND LENTILS. IT WILL HAVE A
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STRONG PROGRAM IN FARMING SYSTEMS WHICH INCLUDE LIVESTOCK

HUSBANDRY. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO WATER MANAGEMENT UNDER RAINFED CONDITIONS.

2. ICARDA WILL HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE UP OF EMINENT AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS, SCIENCE ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHER LEADERS IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 15 WITH EACH HOST COUNTRY (LEBANON AND SYRIA) NAMING ONE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

3. THE ICARDA SUB-COMMITTEE HAS ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS OF PERSONS FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO ELICIT NAMES OF PERSONS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE REGION, THAT WOULD MAKE GOOD BOARD MEMBERS. PLEASE SUBMIT BASIC BIODATA ALONG WITH ANY NAMES TO PERMIT A GENERAL EVALUATION. THESE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 1975. YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED. INGERSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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